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Dear "it was just a gig...Maybe make a little money,"

On reading your blessedly short contribution to that it in which "PURSUIT" rather than "Truth" if capitalized, appropriately, I add, I am taken with what gives me limited choices: facing the state of my own ignorance of confirmation that you and yours are, religious training or not, bullshit as well as ripoff artists.

Not that more confirmation was needed.

Headed "New Developments" in the August, 1975 issue there is, "Dr. Cyril Wecht, coroner of Allegheny County, Pa., and a renowned forensic pathologist, and Researcher Harold Weisberg have filed many, many suits through the Freedom of Information Act in an attempt to get at this information. Their persistency has begun to yield some results. In recent weeks some of the autopsy test results have been turned over to Weisberg, Dr. Wecht and others..."

Where there is this confessed ignorance or the alternative has to do with Wecht's having filed a single suit. Pray tell me when and where. I am aware that he talks and in general of what he says but that he had spent a cent or taken a moment to file a suit I did not know. (Talk, as you know, can pay. Filing suits doesn't.)

Even that more than five years ago he had agreed to be an expert witness for me in one of mine I well remember, as I do his backing out, on the ground that he was making too much money to afford the time.

Of course I also know that as soon as I file one of these "many, many" suits anyone, "renowned forensic pathologist" or others, need only invest a dime and write a letter and obtain what results from these suits. The exception is that of which I do not know. Perhaps you can enlighten me? The "their" part. On "persistence."

"They [sic] have so far withheld comment on what the tests [sic] reveal [sic] until [sic] a complete [sic] disclosure [sic] had been made by the FBI and ...."

Because you have been generous enough to include me among the "they" who filed my suit I find that I must have had my jaw locked when all the time I thought I was talking and to many audiences, from students to the press (all forms).

But when I am confronted with "truth" in your publication's name do I not have to ask myself if I imagined it when I thought I saw microphones, though I heard my own voice later on radio, thought I spoke to reporters and later saw their articles in print?

Can it be that I am somehow blighted by not having had the benefits of a religious education and all I can see that means in others? (Not that I should not confess a liking of Ecclesiastes, as in "Vanity oh vanity"; or the Song of Solomon, as in the keeping of vineyards and their non-keeping; or Luke and those stones crying out.)

Don't take time from your gig to tell me more about that Wecht press conference in Washington, the one in which he announced in advance that he would be giving away copies of what I had gotten by my suit. (Do you suppose my presence discouraged him?) But in your personal "PURSUIT of Truth" I'd appreciate it if you'd spare a few minutes from the "Maybe make a little money" to enlighten me about the suits filed by Wecht and those unnamed "others" about "their persistence" and the "results " it "has begun to yield.

If I'm not happy about all the "pursuit" I can be yours for "people" and "truth."

Harold Weisberg